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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 07-OCT-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week	Previous Week
	10/07/00	09/30/00
Bro-Fry	158,875	156,882
Lt Hens	1,710	1,617
Hvy Hens	1,548	1,585

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 30-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	569	4	573
Last Week	492	0	492
Same Wk Yr Ago	390	0	390
To Date 2000	18,302	295	18,597
To Date 1999	18,252	204	18,456

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,361	1,517	3,878
Last Week	2,210	1,658	3,868
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,336	1,742	4,078
To Date 2000	93,164	56,660	149,824
To Date 1999	100,314	54,722	155,036

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 30-Sep-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	155,386 (A)	1,792	1,513	3,305
Avg Wt	4.96	3.41	7.95	5.49
Last Week	155,155	1,718	1,658	3,376
Same Week Yr Ago	153,908	1,946	1,742	3,688
Avg Wt	4.94	3.44	7.86	5.52
To-Date/2000	6,035,942	74,862	56,365	131,227
To-Date/1999	5,916,491	82,062	54,518	136,580

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.3 million head or 7.1 million head less than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending September 23, 2000**

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	31,637	36,677	39,739
Avg Weight	3.65	4.75	6.09
% Of Total /1	29%	34%	37%
Comparisons			
Last Week	30,943	40,852	32,411
Avg Weight	3.77	4.77	6.19
% Of Total /1	30%	39%	31%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	27,728	41,082	41,556
Avg Weight	3.80	4.82	6.09
% Of Total /1	25%	37%	38%

To Date/2000	1,259,781	1,263,432	1,529,888
To Date/1999	1,220,716	1,184,509	1,549,005

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 30-Sep-00
(Thousand Head)**

	Young Hens	Toms	Young Breeders	Old Breeders	Total
Head	2,099	3,188	77	24	5,388
Avg Wt	15.42	31.76	24.39	26.73	25.27
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,352	3,009	60	23	5,444
Same Week Yr Ago	5,164 (C)		14	43	5,221
Avg Wt	26.38 (C)		26.71	26.42	26.39
To-Date/2000	183,959 (C)		1,137	1,083	186,179
To-Date/1999	187,630 (C)		596	1,412	189,638
CHECK TOTAL	12,802,762	172,094	123,585	286,625	432,015

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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